

BLONDIE



SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



JUMP START



ROSE IS ROSE



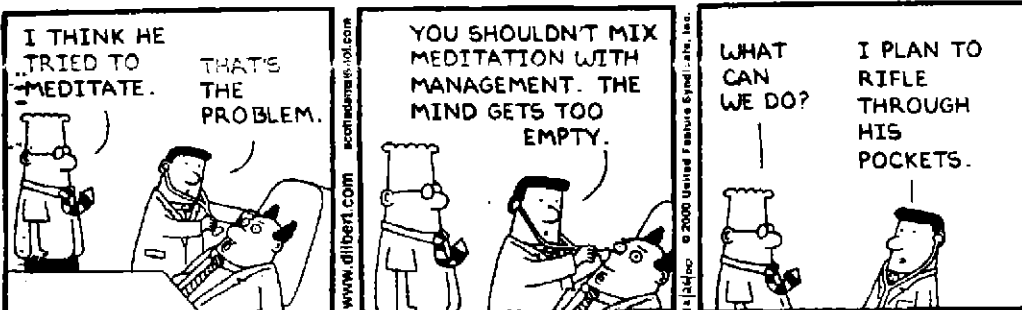
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



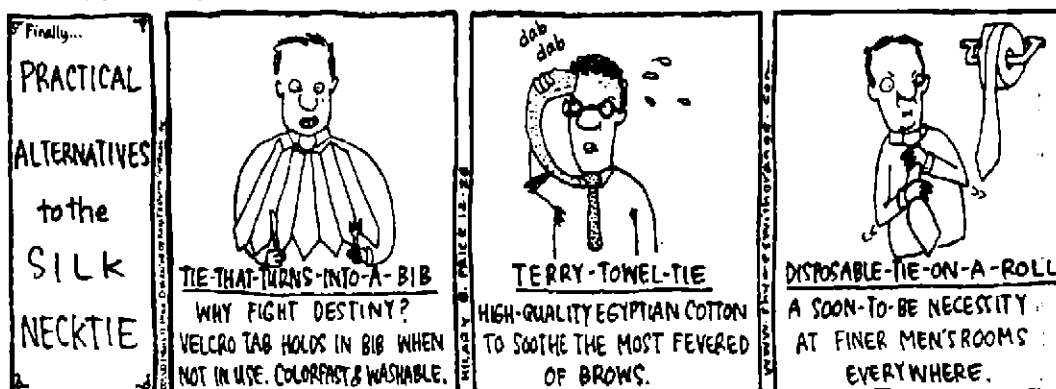
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor Richard Widmark is 80. Comedian Alan King is 73. Actor Donald Moffat is 70. Rhythm-and-blues singer Abdul "Duke" Fakir (The Four Tops) is 65. Record producer Phil Spector is 60. "America's Most Wanted" host John Walsh is 55. Baseball Hall of Fame catcher Carlton Fisk is 53. Baseball coach Chris Chambliss is 52. Country musician Brian Westrum (Sons of the Desert) is 38.

I NEED HELP



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1st Letter Double

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PAR SCORE 115-125

BY JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and O3W Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 12-26-00 © 2000 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Dec. 27

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A superior is likely to give you a better position or more interesting assignment.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Put in some planning time on paper before you commit to goals; this way you'll be sure they are realistic.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Financial difficulties are likely to arise unless you tighten your grip on those purse strings.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Those with romantic partners are likely to find themselves bickering.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Think about others rather than stroking your own ego.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) While wild ideas tug at you, a good friend or partner will help bring you back down to Earth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) An unhappy history can be put right far more easily than you actually realize.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If you've been unhappy when it comes to love lately, it looks like your luck is about to vastly improve.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You might be forced to act for appearance's sake; if so, try to do it gracefully.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Someone from your past is likely to make a quite startling re-entry.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) While the warnings of others are important, your gut should have the final say-so.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Don't volunteer to take on a difficult job.

WORD SLEUTH

WORDS ENDING IN "SET"

QU Q M N K H E B Y V S P M J

H E B A Y V T Q O B L I G D B

Y W T R R P M K E U I F D T B

Y T W M U T S S P Q O M E K I

F D E O E T E S O L C S B Z X

P R E S E T E S B U S W U S Q

O N F E R T L S D E J H I F D

C F A T T E S D N A H Y N W V

O T S Q P S M K N U E L S K I

H F E T E S N O U Q S H E C B

Z Y W V U A T E S E P Y T S R

Saturday's Unlisted Clue: Elevator

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue line: ISRAEL'S PARLIAMENT

Asset	Headset	Preset	Sunset
Beset	Inset	Quonset	Typeset
Closet	Marmoset	Somerset	Upset
Handset	Offset	Subset	

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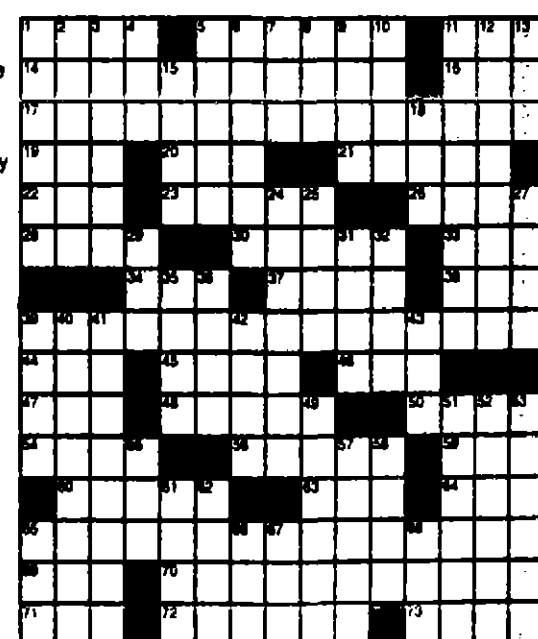
- ACROSS**
- 1 Exchange
- 5 No longer waiting on the pier
- 11 Watch display, for short
- 14 Fictional wizard who studies at Hogwarts
- 16 Cargo on the Spanish Main
- 17 Rarely
- 19 Sch. org.
- 20 According to
- 21 Mining tools
- 22 Cushion
- 23 Miss Hawkins of Dogpatch
- 26 Talk a blue streak?
- 28 Tree of life locale
- 30 Angry dog's response
- 33 Stew vegetable
- 34 Hubbub
- 37 Quartet after a desertion
- 38 Popeye's gal
- 39 Olive
- 39 1956 sci-fi classic
- 44 French article
- 45 QB Flutie
- 46 Break bread
- 47 Old draft initials
- 48 Partner of dangerous
- 50 Baseball's Say Hey Kid
- 54 Prefix with plasm
- 56 Filmgoer's lure
- 58 Mideast ints.
- 60 Air traffic control device
- 63 U.S. soldiers
- 64 Schuss
- 65 Song from the Beatles' "Abbey Road"
- 68 A foot wide?
- 70 Convert to McDonald's, the Gap, etc.
- 71 Genetic stuff
- 72 Serious lack
- 73 Like Latin, today

DOWN

- 1 "Ode" establishment
- 2 Classified
- 3 Coin-op place
- 4 Grand
- 5 Nova Scotia
- 6 Sleeping disorder
- 6 S.A.T.'s
- 7 Gambling spot, in brief
- 8 The "A" of NATO: Abbr.
- 9 Enlist again
- 10 Eins + zwei
- 11 View
- 12 Ocular problem
- 13 Mafia chief
- 15 Pound aches
- 16 1200, on a monument
- 24 It has no decimal point
- 25 Merit
- 27 Ice melter
- 29 Apprehend
- 31 Ready to pluck
- 32 "Copacabana" showgirl
- 35 ___ number on (psyched out)
- 36 "P.U." cause
- 38 It may be kept in a box in the basement

Answer to Saturday's puzzle

SAS LARI AYTHOS
ALLEGERS DIANO
UNITARIAN POSER
DIDADANCE ONAIR
ICILY SARDI SLO
SON DESTINSHOW
SMARY STROYE
UPCOAST THEATER
PALADE SHEDS
BRAKESHOES YAD
EOS SYNE ELATE
POSSE NOMBOKER
ONMAN GREASTEAN
REARS SAMMYSOSA
ERNIE NYVES NED



Puzzle by Brandon Grunert & Gaby

- 40 Like a computer icon
- 41 Interstate stopping point
- 42 Place for trash
- 43 PIN requester
- 49 Loaf
- 51 Sydney native
- 52 Japanese gangster group
- 53 Fished with a net
- 55 ___ to Billie Joe
- 57 Bandleader Miller
- 58 Worker protection grp.
- 61 West Point, e.g.: Abbr.
- 62 Vatican's locale
- 65 That girl
- 66 "Give break"
- 67 Flub
- 68 Last part (appropriately)

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